

# ABSTRACT

A serum cholesterol lowering agent or a preventive or therapeutile agent for atherosclerosis, which each comprises a combination of a compound represented by the following general formula (I) or pharmaceutical acceptable salts thereof with a cholesterol biosynthesis inhibitor and/or a fibrate type cholesterol lowering agent. (I) (b) (a) [In the formula,  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$  and  $A_4$  each is hydrogen, a group represented by the formula (b), or a group represented by the formula (a), provided that at least one of these is a group represented by the formula (a);  $A_2$  is  $C_{1-5}$  alkyl etc; and n, p, q and r each is an integer of 0, 1 or 2.

